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Title : 2,3-Dihydro-4(1H)-pyridone compounds.

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Alexandria, VA 22313

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and CLAIM TO PRIORITY AND FILING OF PRIORITY
DOCUMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.55 AND 35 USC § 119

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded the above-
identified application, kindly enter the following amendment:

IN THE ABSTRACT: Kindly replace the Abstract with the substitute Abstract sheet
provided herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims. This listing will replace all prior versions and
listing of claims in the application.

REMARKS:

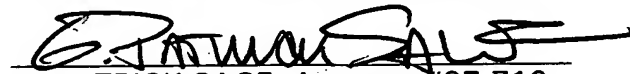
A few constructive editorial changes have been made in the claims to bring them
somewhat more into line with U.S. practice and requirements.

Applicant claims the benefit of French Application No. 02.13803 filed on
November 5, 2002, a certified copy of which and translation thereof are attached
hereto.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the merits are all hereby
respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Listing of Claims 1-18
Certified copy of French Priority Application and Certified Translation